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P R 160800Z SEP 76  
FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5809  
INFO USMISSION BRUSSELS  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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PASS AGRICULTURE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EARG, EEC, EAID, CE  
SUBJECT: EC FOOD AID TO SRI LANKA

REF (A) BRUSSELS 08979, (B) STATE 223126

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL A, EMBOFF SPOKE TO EXTERNAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR VELAYUTHAM WHO SAID SRI LANKA ACCEPTANCE OF 250,000 MT WHEAT UMR WAS RESULT OF "AN UNFORTUANTE MISTAKE." VELAYUTHAM EXPLAINED THAT DURING NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRENCH FOR BILATERAL FOOD AID,GSL HAD RECEIVED DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH UMR LEFT BLANK. OTHER PROVISIONS OF DRAFT AGREEMENT WERE ACCEPTABLE,AND EXTERNAL RESOURCES CABLED SRI LANKAN EMBASSY AT PARIS TO THAT EFFECT WITHOUT MENTION OF UMR. IN MEANTIME, FRENCH HAD SUGGESTED TO EMBASSY UMR OF 250,000 MT; WHEN SRI LANKAN AMBASSADOR RECEIVED CABLE, HE ACCEPTED UMR WITHOUT CONSULTING COLOMBO.

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2. WHEN EC PROPOSED SAME UMR,GSL RESISTED BUT WAS TOLD

NEOGTIATIONS FOR A LOWER FIGURE WOULD DELAY FLOUR SHIP-  
MENTS WHICH SIR LANKA BADLY NEEDS (SEE COLOMBO 3485 (NOTAL).  
VELAYUTHAM SAID GSL ACCEPTED EC UMR OF 250,000 MT  
"UNDER PROTEST" AND IS NOW TRYING TO RENEGOTIATE LOWER  
FIGURE. HE FURTHER SAID SRI LANKAN EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON  
WOULD BE MAKING DEMARCHE TO DEPARTMENT ON THIS SUBJECT.  
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